

October 11, 2001

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chair, and Members,  
Commission on Higher Education

**From:** Ms. Susan Cole, Chair, and Members,  
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

**Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards**

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program designed to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors in S.C., encourage them to attend college in the State, and help retain talented minority students who might otherwise pursue studies outside the State. Each Palmetto Fellow may receive a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum of eight full-time terms. The scholarship must be applied towards the cost-of-attendance to pursue the first baccalaureate degree at a participating public or private senior institution in the State.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, a student must meet the following minimum academic requirements: (1) score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT; (2) earn a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the end of the junior year; and (3) rank in the top five percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore or the junior year. The selection process is very competitive since the Commission on Higher Education usually receives more qualified applicants than available funding. For the 2001 cohort, the Commission on Higher Education received 1172 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship applications and 712 new scholarships were awarded. The average SAT score was 1316 and the average ACT score was 29. 270 students (38%) ranked number one or number two in their class.

For the 2000-01 Academic Year, 2633 Palmetto Fellows were funded and \$12.5 million was disbursed. The following report provides: number of Palmetto Fellows and amount awarded per institution for the 2000 Fall and 2001 Spring terms; 1999-2000 retention statistics; 2001 Palmetto Fellows awarded to African-Americans; 2001 Palmetto Fellows awarded by institution; 2001 applicants by county of origin; and, 2001 new recipients by county of origin.

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**Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards**  
**2000 Fall Term**

<b>Public Institutions</b>	<b>Freshmen (2000 Cohort)</b>	<b>Sophomores (1999 Cohort)</b>	<b>Juniors (1998 Cohort)</b>	<b>Seniors (1997 Cohort)</b>	<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>
The Citadel	3	6	4	8	21	\$24,864.00
Clemson University	298	234	171	177	880	2,141,020.04
Coastal Carolina University	4	4	2	3	13	30,000.00
College of Charleston	92	78	64	38	272	672,397.00
Francis Marion University	10	7	8	5	30	67,192.00
Lander University	7	8	7	13	35	77,856.00
MUSC	0	0	0	1	1	2,500.00
South Carolina State Univ.	2	0	1	2	5	12,500.00
USC-Aiken	7	4	6	4	21	52,250.00
USC-Columbia	206	165	174	193	738	1,693,638.00
USC-Spartanburg	10	7	7	4	28	69,310.00
Winthrop University	37	40	24	15	116	273,691.00
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>2160</b>	<b>\$5,117,218.04</b>
<b>Private Institutions</b>						
Anderson College	7	1	3	3	14	35,000.00
Charleston Southern Univ.	5	1	1	3	10	25,000.00
Caflin College	1	0	0	0	1	2,500.00
Coker College	1	0	2	0	3	7,500.00
Columbia College	7	0	4	1	12	30,000.00
Columbia International Univ.	1	1	0	2	4	10,000.00
Converse College	6	1	0	0	7	14,860.00
Erskine College	13	5	10	6	34	85,000.00
Furman University	79	43	47	62	231	573,750.00
Limestone College	0	0	0	2	2	5,000.00
Newberry College	1	0	0	0	1	2,500.00
North Greenville College	9	1	1	0	11	27,500.00
Presbyterian College	22	15	10	4	51	127,500.00
Southern Wesleyan Univ.	3	0	0	1	4	10,000.00
Wofford College	37	21	20	20	98	235,311.00
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>\$1,191,421.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>2643</b>	<b>\$6,308,639.04</b>

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## **2001 Spring Term**

<b>Public Institutions</b>	<b>Freshmen (2000 Cohort)</b>	<b>Sophomores (1999 Cohort)</b>	<b>Juniors (1998 Cohort)</b>	<b>Seniors (1997 Cohort)</b>	<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>
The Citadel	3	6	4	8	21	\$24,080.00
Clemson University	298	236	172	162	868	2,113,292.29
Coastal Carolina University	5	5	2	3	15	32,500.00
College of Charleston	92	79	67	39	277	679,892.00
Francis Marion University	11	7	8	4	30	67,617.00
Lander University	7	9	7	13	36	80,477.00
MUSC	0	0	2	3	5	22,500.00
South Carolina State Univ.	2	0	1	2	5	12,500.00
USCAiken	7	4	7	4	22	57,250.00
USColumbia	208	164	174	184	730	1,635,799.81
USC Spartanburg	10	7	7	4	28	66,810.00
Winthrop University	37	40	24	14	115	270,188.00
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2152</b>	<b>\$5,062,906.10</b>
<b>Private Institutions</b>						
Anderson College	7	1	3	3	14	35,000.00
Charleston Southern Univ.	5	1	1	3	10	25,000.00
Cafflin College	1	0	0	0	1	2,500.00
Coker College	1	0	2	0	3	7,500.00
Columbia College	7	0	4	0	11	27,500.00
Columbia International Univ.	1	1	0	2	4	10,000.00
Converse College	6	1	0	0	7	14,860.00
Erskine College	13	5	10	4	32	80,000.00
Furman University	79	43	47	64	233	583,125.00
Limestone College	0	0	0	2	2	5,000.00
Newberry College	1	0	0	0	1	2,500.00
North Greenville College	9	1	1	0	11	27,500.00
Presbyterian College	22	15	10	4	51	127,500.00
Southern Wesleyan Univ.	3	0	0	1	4	10,000.00
Wofford College	37	21	20	19	97	230,336.00
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>\$1,188,321.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>2633</b>	<b>\$6,251,227.10</b>

<i>1999-2000 Retention Statistics</i>		
Freshmen Fall 1999	Sophomores Fall 2000	Percent Retained
698	644	92%

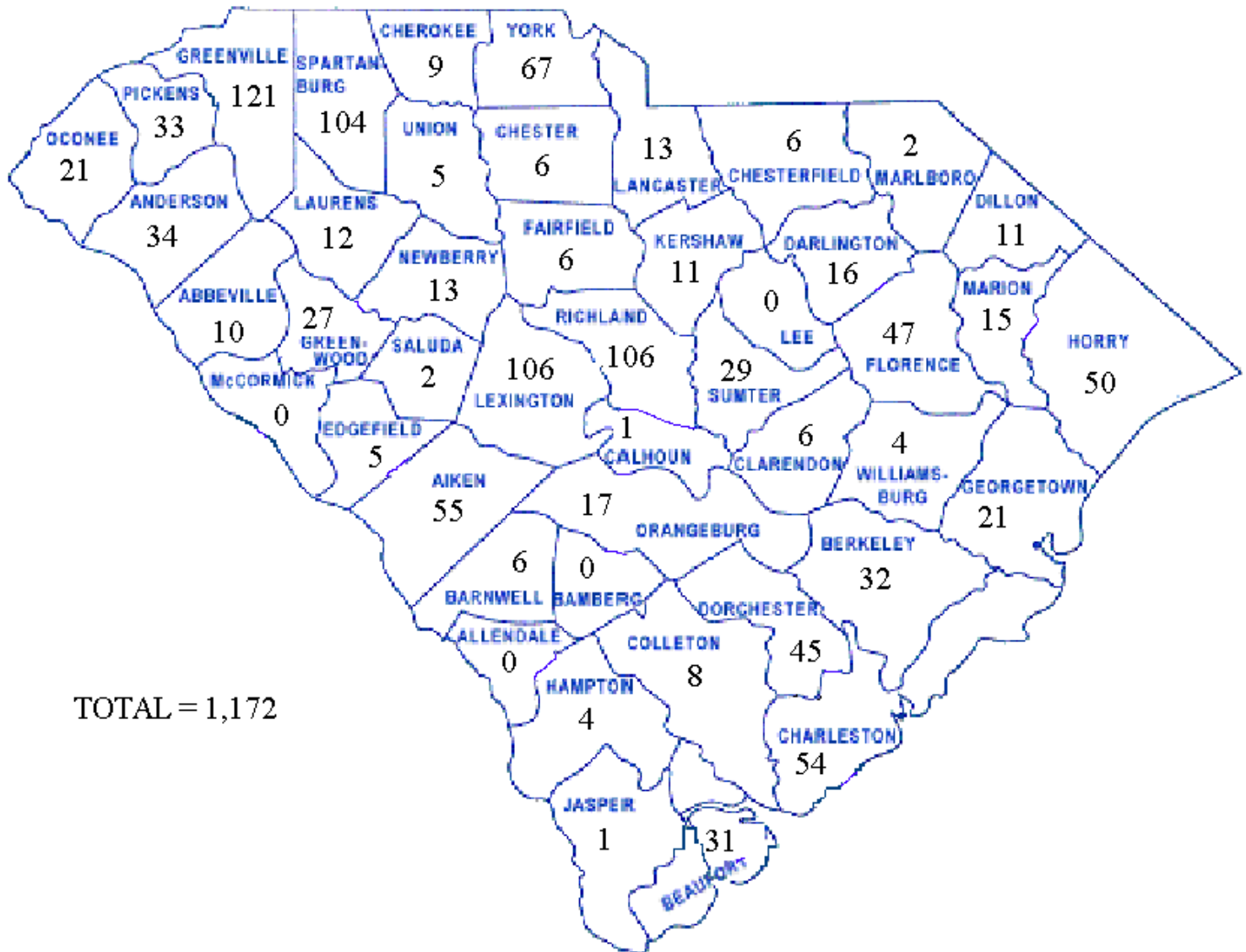
<i>2001 Palmetto Fellows Awarded to African-Americans</i>	
<i>Total = 712</i>	<i>Number African-Americans = 18</i>
<b>Percentage = 3%</b>	

***2001-02 New Palmetto Fellows by Institution***

<i>Public Institutions</i>	<i>Number of New Fellows</i>
Clemson University	276
U.S.C. – Columbia	158
College of Charleston	70
Winthrop University	34
Lander University	4
Francis Marion University	11
U.S.C. – Spartanburg	7
The Citadel	5
USC – Aiken	4
Coastal Carolina Univ.	3
S.C. State University	0
MUSC	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>572</b>

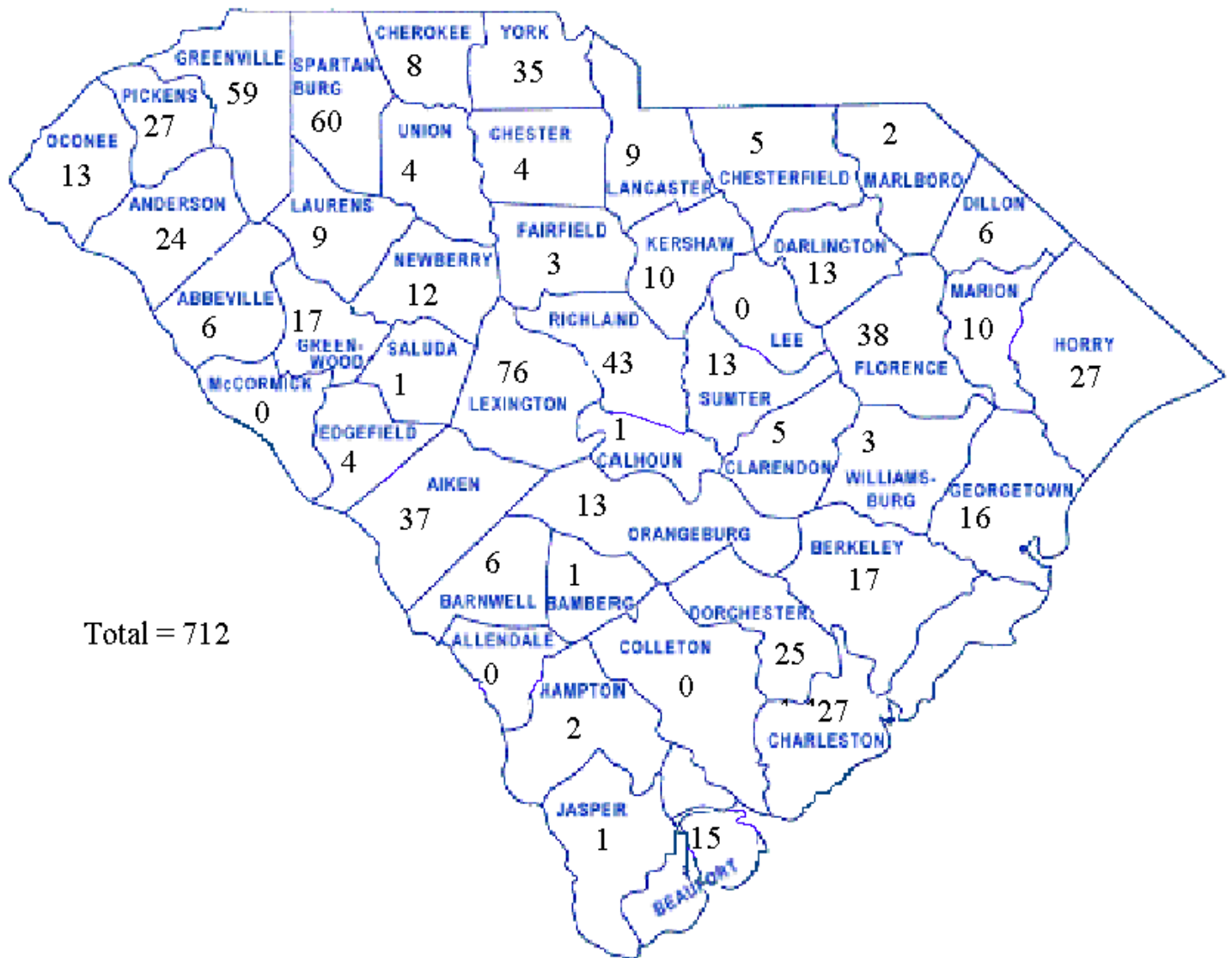
<i>Private Institutions</i>	<i>New Fellows</i>
Furman University	55
Wofford College	25
Presbyterian College	11
Erskine College	11
Anderson College	9
Columbia College	6
Charleston Southern University	4
North Greenville College	6
Converse College	10
Columbia International University	0
Southern Wesleyan University	1
Coker College	1
Limestone College	0
Claflin University	0
Newberry College	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140</b>

## 2001-02 Applicants by County of Origin



TOTAL = 1,172

## 2001-02 New Recipients by County of Origin



Total = 712